

# Stages of play

## Ngā wāhanga o te tākarō



responds with smiles

plays when propped up

protests when annoyed

plays peek-a-boo

looks around with interest

shows affection

learns to walk, actively explores the environment

### Solitary Play

memory develops

interacts with others by pushing, grabbing and touching



joins in rough and tumble play

finds sharing difficult

### on-looker play

watches others playing

imitates familiar activities

plays near others but not with them

### Parallel play

likes to help

Shows affection to younger children

will wait their turn



may have imaginary friends

Shows concern for others

Sense of humour

### associative play

plays own game within a small group

enjoys performing for others - "dancing"

can be bossy

enjoys make-believe play

tends to play in a small group of same gender



plays simple games in groups of 2-5

aware of need for rules and fair play  
chooses own friends

### co-operative play